



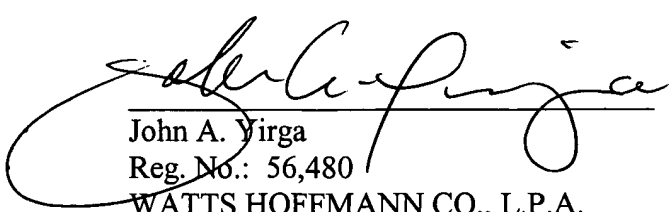
REMARKS

In order to place this Application in condition for allowance, claims 1-26, 29 and 32-38 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant has amended claims 27 and 31. It is believed that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any issues regarding any of the pending claims, Applicant requests that the Examiner call the undersigned to discuss. In view of the foregoing, entry of the present Amendment and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0630 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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